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1. On 3 January 1952, a Hungarian Army unit in Karcag (R 48/0 98) announced the desertion of a soldier of the 1929 class.
2. During the period from 20 December 1951 to 7 January 1952, the Hungarian Police was searching for a total of 40 deserters, including 2 officers, 1 NCO and 34 EM of the army; and 3 policemen. These deserters included 1 junior lieutenant of the 1922 class, 1 senior lieutenant of the 1923 class, 1 police corporal of the 1925 class, 1 soldier of the 1927 class, 1 NCO and 1 private of the 1928 class, 9 soldiers of the 1929 class, 12 soldiers of the 1930 class, 10 soldiers of the 1931 class, 1 soldier of the 1932 class and 2 policemen of the 1933 class.

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3. Members of the 1931 class were examined for the draft in Sopron (P 48/X 63) in early September 1951 and members of the 1932 class in November 1951. One draftee of the 1931 class from Sopron was inducted in late October. *
4. On 21 December 1951, the former 48th Regt Barracks on Flandorf Street, Sopron, was occupied by a border guard unit of about 800 men. According to local residents, it was a border guard regiment which trained replacements. About 15 details of 30 to 40 men each were daily seen moving out for field training in the vicinity of the city. A smaller border guard unit, which performed active border guard duty, was quartered in the former Honved Rakoczi secondary school (Oberreal) which was also known as the former officer candidate school. Another smaller border guard unit, which was subordinate to the unit in the 48th Regt Barracks, was quartered in the former Zrinyi girls' school on Rakoczi Street. **

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* ☐ Comment. It is believed that the 1929 and 1930 classes and a large contingent of the 1931 class are now in active service, and that the examinations for the draft of the 1932 class may have been started.

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** ☐ Comment. This confirms AVH border guard units in military installations in Sopron which are known from previous reports.

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